

# THE COLUMBIA PHOENIX.

**REPTILES OF SOUTH AFRICA.**—I was going to bed one evening, wearied by a long day's hunt, when close to my feet, and by my bedside, some glittering substance caught my eye. I stooped to pick it up; but ere my hand reached it, the truth flashed across me—it was a snake! Had I followed my first natural impulse, I should have sprung away; but not being able clearly to see in what position the reptile was lying, or which way his head was pointed, I controlled myself, and remained rooted breathless to the spot. Straining my eyes, but moving not an inch, I at length clearly distinguished a huge puff adder, the most deadly snake in the colony, whose bite would have sent me to the other world in an hour or two. I watched him in silent horror, his head was from me—so much the worse; for this snake, unlike any other, always rises and strikes back.

He did not move; he was asleep. Not daring to shuffle my feet lest he should awake and spring at me, I took a jump backward that would have done honor to a gymnastic master, and thus darted outside the door of the room. With a thick stick, I then returned and settled his worship.

Some parts of South Africa swarm with snakes; none are free from them. I have known three men killed by them in one harvest, on a farm in Oliphant's Neck. There is an immense variety of them, the deadliest being the puff-adder, a thick and comparatively short snake. Its bite will kill occasionally within an hour. One of my friends lost a favorite and valuable horse by its bite, in less than two hours after the attack. It is a sluggish reptile, and therefore more dangerous, for instead of rushing away, like its fellows, at the sound of approaching footsteps, it raises its head and hisses. Often have I come to a sudden pull-up on foot and on horse-back, on hearing their dreaded warning! There is also the cobra-capella, nearly as dangerous, several black snakes, and the boom-slun, or tree snake, less deadly, one of which I once shot, seven feet long. The Cape is also infested by scorpions, whose sting is little less virulent than a snake bite; and by the spider called the tarantula, which is extremely dreaded. *Travels in South Africa.*

**THE COMING MAN.**—In the imagination of every young lady the coming man is a handsome young officer, with pearly teeth, coral lips, rosy cheeks, curly hair, blue eyes, and black moustache, who is dying desperately in love with her, and is coming some day on a prancing gay horse, with a long flowing tail, to propose to her. Money is no object, for the thought of money does not vulgarly intrude itself into the young lady's imagination in connection with her coming man, only he must be beautifully dressed, and have a handsome riding-whip, and jingling spurs, and neatly rolled whiskers as tight as watch springs. Alas! how many thousands are still waiting impatiently and yet confidently, for the advent of this coming man.

An accepted lover one day walking in a pretty village in Bedfordshire, with the object of his affections, and describing the order of his love, remarked: How transported I am, to have you hanging upon my arm. Upon my word, said the lady, you make us out a very respectable couple, when one is transported, and the other is hanging.

**Notice.**  
COLUMBIA, April 10, 1865.

**THE Joint Relief Committee** have appointed the following gentlemen to act as agents for the sufferers of Columbia, to wit: J. L. BRANCH, Esq., to reside at Augusta, Georgia. W. P. PRICE, Esq., to reside at Newberry. WILLIAM J. GERALD, Esq., to reside at Camden, S. C. The above named gentlemen will receive and forward any donations—whether of provisions or money—and also barter CLOTH and SALT for PROVISIONS.

**HERMANN LEIDING,**  
Sec. and Treas. Joint Relief Committee.  
Papers of this and the neighboring States will please copy, and urge upon the benevolent the necessity of aiding the citizens of Columbia in their great distress. April 12

**A Card.**  
**THE** subscriber having returned to the city, will resume the AUCTION and COMMISSION BUSINESS, and would respectfully solicit a continuation of the patronage formerly bestowed upon him. Orders left at the residence of the subscriber, Washington street, or 103, SAMSON'S residence, Richardson street, (Mayrant's house, below State House) will be promptly attended to. L. T. LEVIN.  
April 17

**A Card.**  
I WILL continue to attend to sales of FURNITURE, MERCHANDIZE, REAL ESTATE and STOCKS, at Private Sale and at Auction. Liberal advances made upon all articles sent to me for sale. For the present, apply at my residence, Bridge street. Orders left with Mr. D. C. PEIXOTTO, at Mr. Walter's residence, next to Shiver House, will be promptly attended to. April 8 FRANCIS LANCE.

**Headquarters,**  
NEAR SMITHFIELD, N. C., April 7, 1865.  
**SPECIAL ORDER NO. 22—Extract.**

**V.** MAJ. GEN. MANSFIELD LOVELL is assigned to command in the State of South Carolina.

By command of J. E. JOHNSTON.  
KIDGLOK FALCONER, A. A. G.

**HEADQ'RS DIST. OF SOUTH CAROLINA,**  
APRIL 12, 1865.

**ORDER NO. 1.**  
In compliance with the above orders, the undersigned hereby assumes command in this State. Until the names of the staff are announced, official communications to these headquarters will be addressed to Lieut. J. M. B. LOVELL, Acting A. A. G. at Columbia.  
April 14 M. LOVELL, Major-General, &c

**Stolen,**  
ON the night of the 6th instant, a large chestnut sorrel HORSE, about 12 years old; mane generally hangs on both sides of his neck; is rather thin; has a blaze face; had when taken one shoe on a fore foot and a shoe on the right shoulder; walks wide with his hind legs, and under the saddle will pace slowly. Any information thankfully received and rewarded. Address HENRY A. MERTZE, Legation C. H., S. C.  
April 12

**Headquarters.**  
COLUMBIA, S. C., March 31, 1865.  
**SPECIAL ORDER NO. —Copy.**  
JOHN CARSTEN is hereby appointed Acting Provost Marshal of this city until further orders. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. By order  
A. F. RUDLER, Col. Comm'dg.  
W. J. MEALING, A. A. A. G. April 4

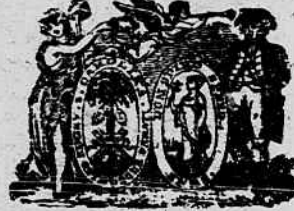
**Notice.**  
IN pursuance of the authority vested in me by Section 3 Article II of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church in this Diocese, I hereby change the place of the meeting of the next Diocesan Council from the city of Columbia to Camden; and the time from the 10th to the 24th of May next. The Council will, therefore, be held in Grace Church, Camden, on the 24th of May. The necessities for these changes are so obvious that they need not be stated, and I earnestly request the attendance of the members of the Council. THOS. F. DAVIS, Bishop of the Diocese of S. C.  
The attention of the Clergy and Parishes of the Diocese is called to the above, and those who may fail to receive the usual notification, are requested to consider it in lieu thereof.  
J. D. MCCOLLUGH, Secretary of Council.  
April 18

**Headquarters Mil. Div. of the West,**  
AUGUSTA, MARCH 4, 1865.  
**SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS NO. 13.**

[Extract.]  
**I.** COL. A. F. RUDLER is hereby assigned as Commandant of the Post at Columbia, S. C.  
By command Gen. BEAUREGARD.  
Official: Geo. W. BRAW, Col. and A. A. G.

**HEADQUARTERS, COLUMBIA, S. C.,**  
March 15, 1865.  
**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1.**  
In obedience to the above order, I hereby assume command of this Post.  
By order of A. F. RUDLER, Colonel Commanding.  
W. J. MEALING, A. A. A. G. March 21

**The State of South Carolina.**



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,**  
COLUMBIA, March 27, 1865.  
**THE** invasion of the State has rendered it proper that the Legislative Department of the Government of the State should be convened, that such measures may be adopted as the welfare of the State may require. And for that purpose, the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are hereby invited to assemble at Greenville, on TUESDAY, the 25th day of April, 1865, at 12 o'clock m.  
By the Governor: A. C. MACARTH.  
Official: W. S. EMMETT, Private Secretary.  
April 1  
All papers in the State with copy until the time for the meeting of the Legislature.

**Lost and Found Bible.**  
**A** FAMILY BIBLE, lost by somebody during the fire, has been found, and will be cheerfully delivered to any party proving property and paying for this advertisement. It contains no name of the owner; but in the family record there are names of children, by which the real owner can readily identify the property. Apply at this office. April 18